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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
BULLARD ET AL.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

Respectfully submitted,



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	AA	5,890,223	4/6/99	Klemmer, Kelly			
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